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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS TO FAHMY FROM ME, IN
RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST:

--WITH RESPECT TO SALT, BREZHNEV MADE SOME QUITE
SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS DURING THE MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS.
THERE OF COURSE REMAIN POINTS TO BE WORKED OUT AND WE DO
NOT WANT TO SHOW ANY SPECIAL EAGERNESS. I THEREFORE LEFT
IT WITH BREZHNEV THAT WE WILL STUDY THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND
PROVIDE OUR CONSIDERATIONS IN A FEW WEEKS.

--THE TALKS ABOUT ANGOLA, AT LEAST ON THE FACE OF IT,
WERE LESS SATISFACTORY. THE SOVIETS PRESUMABLY SEE THINGS
MOVING THEIR WAY ON THE GROUND. I BLUNTLY WARNED THE
SOVIETS ABOUT THE RISKS OF THEIR AND CUBAN ACTIONS SINCE
WHATEVER HAPPENS IN ANGOLA ITSELF, THERE WILL BE A REACTION
FROM US. WE SHALL HAVE TO SEE WHAT THE EFFECT WILL BE ON
SOVIET POLICY OF MY DISCUSSIONS AND WILL WANT TO ASSESS THE
VISIT DURING THE PAST WEEK OF THE SO-CALLED ANGOLAN FOREIGN

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MINISTER TO MOSCOW WHICH APPARENTLY ENDED PREMATURELY.

-- BREZHNEV SEEMS MORE VIGOROUS DURING THIS VISIT THAN
HE HAS IN THE MORE RECENT PAST. IT IS HARD TO JUDGE HIS

STAMINA ON THE BASIS OF ONE SHORT VISIT, OF COURSE.
IN GENERAL, I SHOULD JUDGE HE WILL EMERGE FROM THE PARTY CONGRESS

IN A STRONG POSITION, BUT THIS WILL NOT ALTER THE FACT THAT
THE REGIME WILL, BEFORE TOO LONG, HAVE TO FACE THE INEVITABILITY
OF HIS RETIREMENT AND THE REPLACEMENT OF AGEING MEMBERS.
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